



2013 ANNUAL REPORT

*Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center
Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest*

Tree Measurements



2013 Highlights

In *A Sand County Almanac*, Aldo Leopold wrote, **"A conservationist is one who is humbly aware that with each stroke he is writing his signature on the face of the land."** Perhaps no land better displays the signature of conservation and good management than the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest. At the 67th annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, 80 teens explored the relationship between people and land as they took part in field-based learning experiences on the "AB" – once eroded and unproductive farmland, now a well-managed working forest.

This year's campers represented 40 Virginia counties and cities. Their core classes were Tree Identification, Forest Measurements, Sustainable Forestry and Wildlife Management, Tree Improvement, Forest Ecology, Forest Management, Environmental Protection and Reproducing the Forest. Other experiences included a field trip to Greif Packaging's paper mill, exploratory and "beyond the basics" classes, sports, swimming and Lumberjack competitions. Evening programs featured presentations on forest health, natural resource careers, wildlife research and law enforcement presentations, and even a talent show. By week's end, the campers had attained not only new knowledge, skills and friends, but also an introduction to diverse career fields in natural resources.

According to camper evaluations, most improved their knowledge of the core subjects taught at camp, and many planned to share their new skills and knowledge with others. The campers took home excellent resource materials, and the Top 10 campers (as scored academically throughout the week) received awards of outdoor equipment. This year's Top 10 campers were as follows:

*"I learned about the awesome power and benefits of Virginia's forests and wildlife."
– Nina S., Vienna*

- ☆ 1st – Noah Williams, Southampton County
- ☆ 2nd – Jacob Gray, Richmond County
- ☆ 3rd – Tadek Kosmal, Falls Church
- ☆ 4th – Jesse Carter, Nelson County
- ☆ 5th – Holden Staton, Bedford County
- ☆ 6th – Keri Knott, Henry County
- ☆ 7th – Will Parker, Fauquier County
- ☆ 8th – Kyle Lanier, Bedford County
- ☆ 9th – Jake Wood – Fluvanna County
- ☆ 10th – Hunter DeShazo – Henry County

For the 7th year, Monday's program included a Forestry Field Day for campers' parents. Participating parents experienced short versions of tree identification and forest measurement classes and toured Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest to see forest management in action. They took home information to use on their own property and to share with others.

For more information, please contact:

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What Do We Do At Camp...

*"I was taught
about degrees
and careers to
consider."
– Elijah C.
Poquoson*

Cross-cut Sawing

Stream Analysis

*Forest
Products*

Wildlife Techniques

Forest Management

*"I loved every day I
spent here."
– Natasha K, Palmyra*

Wood Identification

2013 CAMP STAFF

The Virginia Department of Forestry gratefully acknowledges the contributions and services of the many groups and individuals whose generous support makes Holiday Lake Forestry Camp possible. Donations to the scholarship program allow campers to attend at a minimal personal cost. The 51 staff members and presenters served as "in kind" contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

Administration

CAMP DIRECTORS

Drew Arnn – VDOF
Gale Washburn – VDOF

CAMP COORDINATOR

Ellen Powell – VDOF

CAMP REGISTRATION

Jessica Carroll – VDOF

CAMP MEDICS

Paul Reier – VDOF
Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Muncy – VDOF

4-H CENTER LIAISON

Heather Benninghove – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Instructors

Environmental Protection	Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF
Reproducing the Forest.....	Justin Funk – VDOF
Tree Identification	Amy Bigger – RockTenn
Forest Measurements	Wayne Harris – RockTenn
Timber Harvesting.....	Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
Wildlife Management	Katie Martin – VDGIF
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt.	Paul Reier – VDOF
Forest Ecology and Management.....	Karen Snape – VDOF
Archery, Canoeing, Ropes Course	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff and Stream Analysis
Map and Compass Navigation.....	Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools; Will Shoup, VDOF
Insect and Disease Scouting	Andrew Brown – VDOF
Nutrition for the Trail	Donna Daniel – Virginia Cooperative Extension
Primitive Technologies	Al Lookofsky – Volunteer
Skeet Shooting.....	Art Kasson – Volunteer; Matt Kasson – Virginia Tech
Wilderness Survival	Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment.....	Adam Smith, Al Brooks, Mike Womack, Blair Dalton, Derek Keiser – VDOF
Wildlife Techniques	Katie Martin – VDGIF
Wood Identification	Charlie Becker – VDOF
Wood Turning	Richmond Woodturners

*"I want to do a job that
is outdoors and around
nature."*

– Ben L., Mechanicsville

Program Presenters

Bear Research.....	Cale Godfrey – VDGIF
Conservation Police	Eric Rorabaugh – VDGIF
Forest Health Threats	Matt Kasson – Virginia Tech
Lumberjack Field Day	Gale Washburn – VDOF
Natural Resource Career Preparation	Kyle Dingus – Virginia Tech
Paper Mill Tour	Jay Phaup – Greif-Riverville LLC
Parents' Program.....	Rick Butler, Pat Murphy and Mike Womack – VDOF

*"My experience will allow
me to advise my family on
things like tree thinning."*

– Tadek K., Falls Church

Counselors

J.D. Baker – VDOF	Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Andrew Brown – VDOF	Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
Winnie Chen – Volunteer	Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF
Lisa Deaton – VDOF	Margaret Owens – Volunteer
Erik Filep – VDOF	Will Shoup – VDOF
Justin Funk – VDOF	Karen Snape – VDOF
Matt Hall – VDOF	Andy Schmitt – Buckingham County Schools
Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools	Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Schools

2013 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp Sponsors

Agencies & Institutions

Virginia Department of Forestry
Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
Virginia Cooperative Extension
Virginia Tech

Business & Industry

Aylor Forestry
Domtar Paper Company, LLC
EnviroFor LLC
Greif Packaging LLC
Huber Engineered Woods
Morgan Lumber Company
MWV
South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
RockTenn

Foundations & Organizations

Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
Bealeton-Remington Ruritan Club
Ned Cain
Float Fishermen of Virginia – Randy Carter Chapter
Henrico Farm Bureau
Richmond Woodturners
Society of American Foresters – R.E. Lee Chapter
Society of American Foresters – Rappahannock Chapter
Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee
Virginia Farm Bureau Federation
Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
Virginia Tree Farm Committee
Robert Wait
Chris Wargo

Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Appomattox River SWCD
Blue Ridge SWCD
Chowan Basin SWCD
Colonial SWCD
Halifax SWCD
John Marshall SWCD
Lake Country SWCD
Mountain SWCD
Mountain Castles SWCD
Natural Bridge SWCD
Northern Neck SWCD
Peter Francisco SWCD
Piedmont SWCD
Pittsylvania SWCD
Robert E. Lee SWCD
Shenandoah Valley SWCD
Southside SWCD
Tazewell SWCD
Thomas Jefferson SWCD
Three Rivers SWCD
Tidewater SWCD

Budget Summary

Income

Forest Industry/Business (6)	\$1,840
Foundations, Associations & Organizations (10).....	\$9,125
Individuals (3)	\$600
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (21)..	\$4,725
Virginia Department of Forestry.....	\$420
Camper Registration Fees	\$5,850
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$22,560

Expenses

4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Facilities, Administrative).....	\$20,907
Transportation (Field Trip).....	\$297
Notebooks, T-shirts, Other Supplies	\$1,405
Academic Awards	\$438
Publicity.....	\$705
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,752*

* Some equipment and supplies were purchased with remaining funds from 2012 camp.

Announcing 2014 Forestry Camp

The 2014 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 16-21, 2014. The camp is open to any Virginia girl or boy aged 13 to 16, who has an interest in natural resources and who has not attended before. The nomination process will begin in January. For more information and on-line nomination, visit dof.virginia.gov/camp/

*"I never knew trees were so diverse and slightly confusing."
– Holden S., Forest*



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